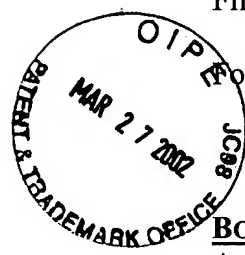


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Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Kindly enter the following amended paragraph at page 1, of the specification, immediately following the heading "Related Applications", as follows:

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~This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/347,283 entitled "Knowledge Server," filed on January 14, 2002, the contents of which are incorporated by reference into this patent application.~

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 12 with the following paragraph:

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~This application is related to the following commonly owned U.S. patent applications, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference into the present